

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and respectfully requests the entry of the amendment indicated hereinabove.

Claim 17 is pending and rejected. Claim 17 is amended hereinabove. This amendment is supported by the Specification (pages 10 and 20) and the drawings (FIG. 2).

Claim 17 positively recites that each second contact is orthogonal to the first plurality of contacts and parallel over one of the emissive strips. These advantageously claimed features are not taught or suggested by WO99/20080, or the patents granted to Himeshima et al., or Namiki et al.; either alone or in combination.

Himeshima et al. teaches away from the advantageously claimed invention by teaching that the second contacts are orthogonal to the emissive strips, but not parallel over the emissive strips advantageously claimed. See Himeshima et al. column 5 lines 14-17, column 10 lines 15-17, and FIGS. 1-7, 20, and 27-28.

The Applicant submits that WO99/20080 does not teach or suggest the advantageously claimed invention for the reasons listed above concerning the Himeshima et al. patent.

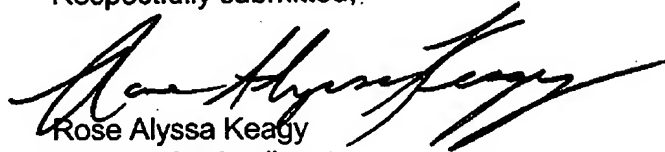
Namiki et al. teaches the formation of an emitting layer by lamination (column 5 line 65, column 6 lines 61-62). Therefore, Namiki et al. does not teach providing a plurality of effusion cells, or continuously effusing an emissive material

from the ports in each effusion cell to from a plurality of emissive strips, as advantageously claimed.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of Claim 17 and respectfully assert that Claim 17 is patentable over WO99/20080, and the patents granted to Himeshima et al., and Namiki et al.; either alone or in combination.

For the reasons stated above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is requested.

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